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outputting the second visual feedback comprises outputting the second  
visual feedback at a second location on a display screen.

44. The method of claim 37, wherein the first context comprises accepting  
input for a directory filtering operation on a plurality of directory records.

45. The method of claim 44, wherein the directory filtering operation is it-  
erative.

46. The method of claim 37, further comprising:  
accepting an additional keystroke, the additional keystroke having at least  
a first value;  
appending the additional keystroke to the keystroke sequence;  
repeating the steps of determining whether the keystroke sequence pro-  
duces a valid result in a first context, and, responsive to the key-  
stroke sequence producing a valid result in the first context,  
outputting first feedback, the first feedback indicating keystroke  
input according to the first context; and  
repeating the steps of determining whether the keystroke sequence pro-  
duces a valid result in a second context, and, responsive to the  
keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the second con-  
text, outputting second feedback concurrently with the first

14 feedback, the second feedback indicating keystroke input ac-  
15 cording to the second context.

1 47. The method of claim 37, further comprising:  
2 accepting a backspace keystroke;  
3 deleting a keystroke from the keystroke sequence;  
4 repeating the steps of determining whether the keystroke sequence pro-  
5 duces a valid result in a first context, and, responsive to the key-  
6 stroke sequence producing a valid result in the first context,  
7 outputting first feedback, the first feedback indicating keystroke  
8 input according to the first context; and  
9 repeating the steps of determining whether the keystroke sequence pro-  
10 duces a valid result in a second context, and, responsive to the  
11 keystroke sequence producing a valid result in the second con-  
12 text, outputting second feedback concurrently with the first  
13 feedback, the second feedback indicating keystroke input ac-  
14 cording to the second context.

1 48. The method of claim 37, wherein the first context comprises accepting  
2 input for a direct entry operation.

1 49. The method of claim 48, wherein the direct entry operation comprises  
2 a telephone number direct entry operation.

50. The method of claim 48, wherein determining whether the keystroke sequence produces a valid result in the first context comprises determining whether all of the accepted keystrokes have a numeric value.

51. The method of claim 37, wherein the first context comprises accepting input for a directory filtering operation, and the second context comprises accepting input for a direct entry operation.

52. A computer-implemented method for concurrently accepting parameters in at least two contexts, the method comprising:

a) initiating a first string;

- b) accepting a keystroke;

c) appending a first value of the keystroke to the first string;

d) determining whether all values in the first string can be converted to valid numeric values;

e) responsive to determining that all values in the first string can be converted to valid numeric values:

generating a numeric string corresponding to the first string;

and

outputting first feedback comprising the numeric string;

f) determining whether any directory records match the first string; and